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The alleged desecration of human remains by U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan has not received significant media play in Oman. Brief wire reports on the issue have been published in the interior pages of several Arabic and English newspapers, but no locally produced articles or editorials on the subject have appeared. The Embassy will continue to monitor the Omani media and report any developments.

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